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## ASH GROVE CEMENT WEST, INC.

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### Material Safety Data Sheet

for

Portland Cement

January, 1990

#### Section I-Identity

Manufacturer's name and address: Ash Grove Cement West, Inc.  
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Portland, OR 97201-3786

Emergency Telephone Number: (503) 224-5747

Chemical Name and Synonyms: Portland Cement (CAS #65997-15-1)

Trade name and synonyms: Ash Grove Portland Cement Type II,  
Type V, and Oil Well Cement.

#### Section II-Chemical Data

Chemical family: Calcium Salts

Formula: Portland cement consists of finely ground portland cement clinker mixed with a small amount of calcium sulfate to control set. Portland cement clinker is a sintered material produced by heating to high temperature (greater than 1200 degrees celsius) a mixture of substances such as limestone and shale from the earth's crust. The substances manufactured are essentially hydraulic calcium silicates contained in a crystalline mass, not separable into the individual components.

Substances similar to the following are known to be present in portland cement:

$3\text{CaO} \cdot \text{SiO}_2$	(CAS # 12168-85-3)
$2\text{CaO} \cdot \text{SiO}_2$	(CAS # 10034-77-2)
$3\text{CaO} \cdot \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	(CAS # 12042-78-3)
$4\text{CaO} \cdot \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$	(CAS # 12068-35-8)
$\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot \text{XH}_2\text{O}$	(CAS # 13397-24-5)

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Small amounts of  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{MgO}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  may also be present.

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**Section VI-Health Hazard Data**

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ACGIH Threshold Limit Value (1988-89): Total dust containing no asbestos and less than 1% silica -  $10 \text{ mg/m}^3$

OSHA PEL (Transitional): Total dust - 50 million particles/ $\text{ft}^3$

OSHA PEL (Final): Total dust -  $10 \text{ mg/m}^3$   
Respirable Dust -  $5 \text{ mg/m}^3$

**Effects of Overexposure:**

**Acute:** Wet cement, especially as an ingredient in plastic (unhardened) concrete, mortar or slurries, can dry the skin and cause caustic burns. Direct contact with the eyes can cause irritation. Inhalation can irritate the upper respiratory system.

**Chronic:** Cement dust can cause inflammation of the lining tissue of the interior of the nose and inflammation of the cornea. Hypersensitive individuals may develop an allergic dermatitis. [Cement may contain trace (less than 0.05%) amounts of chromium salts or compounds including hexavalent chromium, or other metals found to be hazardous or toxic in some chemical forms. These metals are mostly present as trace substitutions within the principal minerals.]

**Emergency and First Aid Procedures:** Irrigate eyes immediately and repeatedly with water and get prompt medical attention. Wash exposed skin areas with soap and water. Apply sterile dressings. If ingested, consult a physician immediately. Drink water.

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**Section VII-Reactivity Data**

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**Stability:** Product is stable. Keep dry until used.

**Incompatibility:** Aluminum powder and other alkali and alkaline earth elements will react in wet mortar or concrete, liberating hydrogen gas.

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

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### Section VIII-Spill Procedures

Steps to be taken in case material is spilled: Use dry cleanup methods that do not disperse the dust into the air. Avoid breathing the dust. Emergency procedures are not required.

Disposal Method: Small amounts of material can be disposed of as common waste or returned to the container for later use if it is not contaminated. Large volumes may require special handling.

### Section IX-Special Protection Information

Respiratory Protection: In dusty environments, the use of a MSHA/NIOSH-approved respirator is recommended.

Ventilation: Local exhaust can be used to control airborne dust levels.

Eye Protection: Use tight fitting goggles in dusty environments.

Skin Protection: Use barrier creams, impervious, abrasion- and alkali-resistant gloves, boots and protective clothing to protect the skin from prolonged contact with wet cement in plastic concrete, mortar or slurries. Immediately after working with cement or cement-containing materials, workers should shower with soap and water. Precautions must be taken. Cement burns with little warning--little heat is sensed.

### Section X-Abbreviations

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
CAS	Chemical Abstract Service
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
ft <sup>3</sup>	Cubic foot
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic meter
mg	Milligram
MSHA	Mine Safety and Health Administration
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NTP	National Toxicology Program
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PEL	Permissible Exposure Limit
TLV's	Threshold Limit Values

Note: This material safety data sheet attempts to describe as accurately as possible the potential exposures associated with normal cement use. Health and safety precautions in this data sheet may not be adequate for all individuals and/or situations. Users have the responsibility to evaluate and use this product safely and to comply with all applicable laws and regulations.